

AUBURN ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

December 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 am by Chairman Lee Buckingham at Auburn City Hall, Room 10. Present were: Lee Buckingham, Joyce Silva, April Maynard, Mike Holmes, Tim Grayson, Terri Goodman, Rob Turner, Judi Lardner, and new member Hilary Grenier.

A quorum was established and the November 13th minutes approved with a minor correction.

Public Comment: Hilary Grenier was welcomed as a new member of the AAC. Mike announced that the Placer County Air Pollution Control District is submitting a waiver request to the State seeking to retain the Dawson tank mural. Nancy Hakala has a contract to clean and/or refurbish the mural.

Public Art Loan Program: Mike said it was his understanding that the art loan program in Roseville has not been successful. Since Auburn's proposed program is based on the Roseville program, he believes the City will not take any action at this time.

Streetscape project: No update.

City Hall Gallery: Lee said that he has met with Norris Electric and they believe they can match the light fixtures and could also put up some additional lighting in the foyer. Lee is waiting for an estimate before proceeding further.

Guide to Public Art Brochure: Terri delivered brochures to the Placer County visitor center and to the PlacerArts building. She will restock brochures as needed.

Public Art Catalog and Database: Tim reviewed the progress he has made on the database. He has plans to work on a public art app for smart phones in 2013. There was a discussion about the categories of art to be covered in the catalog and database and the purpose of the catalog.

Status of Rob Turner: Rob said he has been out of town a lot the last few months but is interested in continuing to work with the AAC. A discussion followed about his position on the Commission.

*** Lee left the meeting and April took over as Chair. ***

Auburn Placer Performing Arts Center: Mike announced that *Miracle on 34th Street* was well-received and that *Suite Surrender* is now in production. They are currently gathering letters of support for the NEA grant application, which is expected to be submitted in January.

Forgotten Soldier Meditation Garden: A landscape architect has submitted a design plan to the City for approval. The plan includes Jennifer Johnson Riley's sculpture. Mike said that he informed the garden organizers that AAC approval would be required for any mural on site.

Airport Monument: Mike said that fund raising continues. The City is donating \$5000 in staff time on the monument's base.

Mural Projects: April said she talked to Nancy Hakala about sealing the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge mural. Nancy suggested the job go out to bid. There was a discussion about how the bid process would work. Mike asked for a cost estimate for the materials. Rob said that Mike Massa of Master Paint offered to do the work. April will follow up with Mike Massa and with Warehouse Paints.

Results of the juried Art Show in December “Auburn in Winter”: Show expenses were discussed: entry fees brought in \$160; \$225 in prize money was awarded (\$100 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third); \$75 was spent on music. Other incidental costs are still being figured out. The show had a budget of \$700. Anthony Maki Gill, (local artist), Sue Anne Foster (Sac State art professor), and Council Member Bill Kirby judged the show. There was a discussion about how to reach more artists for future shows and about what artist population the AAC should be promoting and supporting. Further discussion focused on how to reach the public for arts-related events. Judi suggested creating a three-person committee to investigate existing arts calendars and report its findings and suggestions to the AAC in June.

Auburn Arts in the Park: Joyce said she would begin work in January.

Fund Raising: There was a general discussion about the grant writing process and whether the AAC should first identify specific needs before researching available arts grants.

A Proposal from Terri Goodman re: “Arts in Education”: Terri suggested that the next gallery show feature local school children’s art. Terri said that the California Alliance for Arts Education has a three-year grant available for keeping art alive in education. She proposed that grant money be sought to provide funding for an annual children’s art show in the City Hall Gallery. Tim moved that the February/March art show be elementary students’ art contributed by local schools, and that the art be submitted unframed, and that the AAC may provide appropriate matting and framing materials. April seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Hilary and Terri will put together a specific proposal for the January AAC meeting.

The next regular meeting will be on January 8, 2013 at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Lardner, Secretary